

(b) The first portion from Kallambalam to Nagaroor has already been completed.

(c) The second portion from Nagaroor to Karetu has not yet been taken up for want of funds.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know from the member when the work was held up for want of funds?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I am afraid the member has not understood my answer. The road was divided into two portions. The first portion was taken up and completed and the second portion has not been started for want of funds.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know when the first section of the road has been completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I can't give the exact date, but the completion report was sent in 1931.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I think, not.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer will be pleased to inspect the road and enquire into the necessity of the completion of the road.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): In reply, I must refer the member to the answer given to part (c) which says that the second portion has not been taken up for want of funds. No useful purpose could be served therefore if the Chief Engineer inspected the road.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Chittar road forms one section of the Kallambalam-Karetu trace.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I expect the member knows the answer better than I.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In view of answer to part (a), may I know whether Government look after the maintenance of the part road which has been constructed, since 1931.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

The Attingal-Dalavapuram road.

145. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) whether there was any representation regarding the non-completion of the Attingal-Dalavapuram road in the Chirayinkil taluk; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether any further work has been undertaken; if not, why?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (a) Yes.

(b) No further work has been undertaken as the estimates for the first and third sections of the road are under reference with the Division Officer.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know how many sections of the road have been completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): One.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know how many more sections have to be completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Two.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know, Sir, the amount of additional expense that the Government will have to incur in order to complete the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is not possible to say at present because the estimates are under reference with the Divisional Officer.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the total distance of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I think it is about 8 miles.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the length of that portion which has yet to be completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I am not quite sure at present; it may be about 5 miles.

Recruitment of Assistant Surgeons.

146. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle adopted by them in the matter of recruiting Assistant Surgeons to the Medical Department from eligible candidates?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Priority of application and the qualifications possessed by the applicants. The claims of communities which are not adequately represented in Public Service are also taken into consideration consistent with the above principles.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know, Sir, whether the Medical Department maintains a list of applicants?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether, when vacancies arise, candidates are selected from that list?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether candidates are selected according to seniority in that list?

PRESIDENT: Qualification and seniority have been specified in the answer given by the member.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether any deviation in point of seniority has been made in regard to recent selections?